

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another club season is off to a good start. K9DD is in charge of the programs this season and the prospect for interesting meetings for this year is very good. Many of us will recall many of the fine meetins in the past which Emmett helped set up. Hope that more of the membership will find it convenient to make our meetings. Some old faces have been scarce in recent years.

Dave, WA9POV, is working on some membership ideas which were discussed at the last board meeting that can add to our membership ranks. One thing we can do is to personally help some fledgling ham, using some sort of buddy system in lieu of code classes. Code classes run by clubs have not been too successful lately. Even school sponsored classes have had trouble meeting minimum membership participation requirements. It seems that club members taking one or two interested persons young or not, through the ropes step by step is the key to successful licensing. Of course it should be part of the routine to introduce the new hams to the club and its benefits.

Each season it becomes more and more apparent that younger people are needed to keep things going. We seem to have a void in the under 40 group. With the high number of life memberships which pay no dues, the coffers are no longer swelling. Methods for economizing and programs for improving membership have begun. The membership angle is something we can all work on. We probably know of one or more ham acquaintances who are not club members who may be interested, bring'em along next time!!

Jack W9ATK

GUEST EDITORIAL-PHIL HALLER W9HPG

(Editor's note: Phil Haller is the Central Division Director and a many-time visitor to our activities, especially of late, the Oldtimers' Nights)

WHY AN OLD-TIMERS' NIGHT? If you are one of the younger hams in our hobby, you probably are not too interested in an Old-timers meeting—unless you are one of those who like to hear about the "old days". A special meeting for old timers has many attractions. It serves to get the stay-at-home type, the not very active type, those who only can get to a meeting on special occasions, all together to talk over things dear to their heart—Amateur Radio as they knew it. It gives an old-timer a big lift if he can get out and see old friends, find out what's going on around him and talk about the "good old days".

As an amateur in the game for 47 years, I can say from experience that the special meetings are wonderful therapy and great fun. Each time I attend such a gathering I hear more of the history and experiences of those early years, meet and talk to those who are or have been the VIPs of Ham Radio. So, if you have a chance to attend the Old-Timers' Night on January 10th, don't miss it—you'll like it! 73.

ALL MEMBERS TAKE NOTE -- OFFICIAL NOTICE

The annual MRAC membership fiscal year is from July 1st to June 30th. SO-O-O-O dues are due after July 1st and will be considered delinquent after September. As all members receive this official organ of the MRAC, those who are in arrears now are delinquent, says Charley Dawson W9CUW, Treasurer. A word to the wise is sufficient. Regular and Associate dues are \$4 and Student dues \$2. Many Life Members continue to pay "dues" and are welcome. Send checks to: Treas. 2345 Skyline Rd., Milwaukee, Wis., 53209

RE: JOCK WHITE ZL2GX

All remember the pleasant visit of Jock and Beattie White, ZL2GX last Old-Timers' Night. He has continued to keep in contact with his Milwaukee friends and sends greetings. He asks assistance in his collection of old QSTs, needing 1917, 1919 and some copies of 1921 and 1922. He's willing to pay a reasonable amount and W9RKP can give you details.

OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE--FOR DECEMBER----

December meeting will see a representative of the Electric Company explaining many facets of AC current, including the maintaining of 60 Hz. Be there at 1020 N. Broadway- Room 1-B, Dec. 13th - 7:30 PM. Remember the AREC meeting on the first Tuesday at the Red Cross Building - 26th & Wisconsin Ave.

DON'T FORGET CQ3TUE ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE SVEDENHOUSE SMORGASBOARD JUST A FEW BLOCKS FROM AMATEUR ELECTRONICS SUPPLY.

QCWA WISCONSIN CHAPTER by W9CTI Sec.

W9EWC's marriage was reported by W9BG on the Sunday net. He got the news from ZS6DW on 75 zone. That's a long way to get news 100 miles! Butch and Rosemarie M. were married Oct. 5th. Much happiness to you nice people! WB9CSQ and W9SQJ headed south for the winter. W9RNZ retired to Florida also. Someone can have their energy quota, they say. W9FY is now a regular checker-inner on the net because soon the greens will be white. W9CAS visited his son in Winnipeg and took his rig. He used two Hustler verticals end to end as a dipole and reports FB results. Treasurer Travis W9VQD reports many members in arrears. Some members are two years behind in dues. Dues are due from the fall meeting so it is easy to remember. This year the DXCC convention conflicted with our dinner meeting and many went (wouldn't miss it!) so next year the Dinner/meetings will be the 1st Saturday in June and October. Check-ins on the Sunday morning continue to hold up so join the crowd -- 9 AM on 3985 KHz.

The call W9MRP is no more after 41 years. Sid checked in one final time with W5UAW/9 and is now fully moved to Arkansas. Keep in touch Sid!

ON- THE- AIR

The RTTY group and net is planning to move to 146.46 FM to clear the repeater area about Jan. 1st. As the Explorers are now using this frequency, it is expected that sharing can be worked out.

WN9ISM finally finished W.A.S.

FCC was in town recently causing havoc with a few CBers. Can anyone report if it cleared up any situations? They were also checking TV and FM stations.

W9HHX, MSQE station has been active in international phone patching WB9BWP reports.

W9NZF is now on Navy MARS.

6 @ 6 net is going strong after one of activity and has had 81 check-ins. Dec. 19th is their first "anniversary".

WEST ALLIS RADIO CLUB celebrated their 20th anniversary with a fine dinner and camaraderie session held at Horvath's Club October 9th. A pleasant evening was spent extolling the fine record of the WARAC and the activities that the club has sponsored. The QST report of the Field Day activities were found inaccurate on a recount and the final official place is the 18th in their class instead of 23rd beating out arch rival Ozaukee who placed 22nd. Sorry about the turn-about on the FD scores fellows!

MEETING REPORTS

The October meeting featured a well known local ham Lynn Tamblin, WA9KRF. His subject on the electronic keyer was very interesting and specific. The solid-state keyer device is one of the many projects the home brewer can make. It can also stimulate a much needed interest in CW.

Sherm Carr W9NGT was the lecturer at the November meeting. Sherm has often presented electronic and ham-projects to the club, and this time was the old subject of Antennas. He covered the subject starting from the basic 1/4 wave to the familiar dipole and on to the more sophisticated set-ups. The questions directed from the group indicated that the antenna is one of the most interesting ham project. All that was needed was more time!

Al De Amico, an old MRAC member, finally got a call at 64 years of age, W9IHL, congrats.

W9ZBM is busy settling down after getting married last year. He's buying a house and started filling it with kids, the first jr. op, William E., seven lbs. was born Oct. 30th. All doing well, congrats.

In our October issue the printer made a boo-boo and messed four lines. So we repeat here: **SOCIAL NOTE** Mr. and Mrs. W9CUM's son Frederick married Mary Ann Pitts of Union Grove August 18th. For the occasion, Charley cut his hair and missed the annual MRAC picnic.

WB9BGJ and XYL Grace reports a FB tour to Japan. Sus visited a number of hams and visited one restaurant that was a ham-hangout and eyeballed a number of them there. He promises to write a detailed report.

Edna, now XYL of K9DD, is curing Emmett of pot cover lifting while cooking.

K9QIL is ready to retire from the Milwaukee Road as an Engineer after working since he was 17.

W9ZPV is "retiring" to a little "fixit" shop in Hales Corners. More details later.

A.S.E.V.L. MEETING — FEB. 16th

The 13th Annual MRAC Dinner/Dance/Valentine Party will be held on Saturday February 16th, announces the perennial chairman Russ Burss W9RKP. Mark your calendar now for this annual gala affair. It will be held the same as last year — Moser's, 32nd and Lisbon.

Russ also gives a tip to those who won prize gift certificates donated by A.E.S. Be advised that they are only good for a year and will not be honored after Feb. 24, 1974.

SUNSHINE

Pac W9CUJ expects to move to his new QTH in Sunshine Village by December. He will at least have a 2-meter antenna up and possibly other bands. He has been checking in on the Geritol Net (9:00 AM daily 167)

K9PPI marionette is moving to a nursing home in Dec.

W9RKP was reported in the hospital the week following Thanksgiving for a period of ten days or so.

George Ruger W9DVD is in hospital for tests. Hope nothing is out of alignment, George.

Chest Sakura W9CTI is sporting an ankle-to-thigh cast, nursing a bad knee, but claims to be mobile.

WARAC MIDWINTER SWAPFEST JANUARY 27th

West Allis Radio Club starts the swapfest circuit this year with the announcement of their 2nd annual Midwinter Swapfest. The location is the Exposition Center near the Waukesha Airport. Directions are: 2 miles south of I-94 on County F then .8 miles west on County FT. See you all there with your junk.

AREC AND EMERGENCY

A group headed by WA9MME assisted the Badger Bikers Touring Group in their Second North Kettle Tour 100 Oct. 20 and 21st. This is a 102-mile route to Wade House and return. Peculiar conditions were reported near Wade House on 2-meters and 75-meters by WA9MLY, who travelled the course twice by mobile. Those assisting in this exercise were WA9POV, K9OSK, WA9HFB, WB9EUS, W9NGT, W9RLO, WA9MLY, WA9MNB and XYL WA9MNC and leaderman DICK. Also the Geritol Net is to be recognized for relinquishing the .67 Freq those mornings. In appreciation for communication services in the tours, those helping out will be given a years subscription to the League of American Wheelmen Magazine. Also, the Milwaukee Wheelmen is holding an "Appreciation Night" at the Pabst Rathskeller, 9th and Juneau on February 4th and all the members of AREC are invited.

The AREC was cited in QST for assisting in the local flood disaster April 21-22. It was related in July QST page 87, in case you missed it.

Bob Goldstein is resigning as Emergency Coordinator of Milwaukee County after eight years service. He has left an enviable record of public service and it can be said, "Thanks for a job well done, Bob!" The position of EC will be taken over by Dave Knaus WA9POV and our cooperation goes with him.

OLD-TIMER'S

OLD-TIMER'S' NIGHT JANUARY 10th! let it BLOW! let it SNOW! The Old-Timers' Night is coming! The OT's are rarin' to GO! At a recent OT's night a vote was taken to change the occasion to some milder time of the year and was promptly voted down. Bring your memorabilia and your thirst for the fine Blue Ribbon brew provided by Pabst. Be at Pabst Rathskeller Hall, 9th and Juneau, starting at 7:30 PM Thursday, January 10th. Parking provided across the street.

NINE-LAND DXCC CONVENTION

The 21st Annual 9-land DXCC-vention in Chicago Sept. 29th was well attended by local DXers. Among those attending from Milwaukee and Wisconsin were W9RKP, W9GIL, W9KYS, W9JK, W9LJU, W9/KC, W9BG, W9LMM, W9KB, WA9JDT, W9RNX, W9EEK, W9NLJ, K9YKA, and WA9UEK. It was the largest gathering yet with 186 DXers including some "rare" ones, 9N1MM and DU7SV. There were lots of slides and movies of interesting DXers and locations. W9RKP says he has attended all but the first convention when he was not yet qualified.



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